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Letter dated 6 November 2004 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1528 (2004) of 27 February 2004, by which the Council established the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

You will recall that in operative paragraph 6 (a) of the above resolution, UNOCI was mandated, inter alia, to observe and monitor the implementation of the Comprehensive Ceasefire Agreement of 3 May 2003 (the Agreement), concluded by the Ivoirian parties, and to investigate violations of the ceasefire. In this connection, I would like also to recall that, in accordance with the Agreement, the Ivoirian parties established a Zone of Confidence (ZOC) where the UNOCI and the French (Licorne) forces were deployed. In accordance with the Agreement, the ZOC is defined as an area to which access is prohibited to the armed forces of the Ivoirian parties.

In this context, I should be grateful if the Security Council could confirm that UNOCI is authorized to use all necessary means, within its capabilities and areas of deployment, to prevent any hostile action within the Zone of Confidence.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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